

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether production potential of agriculture in both rain fed and irrigated areas of eastern states has not been properly tapped;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been sharp decline in the agricultural production as a result thereof; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to increase agricultural production in these states and particularly in Orissa?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Potentiality for tapping agriculture in both rain fed and irrigated areas of the country, including eastern States, exists. Lack of appropriate high yielding varieties, low seed replacement rate and climatic aberrations are among the reasons for non-tapping of the potential.

(c)&(d): The eastern States experienced fluctuations in production of crops during the last three years. To increase cereals production in the country including the eastern States and Orissa, Centrally Sponsored Schemes Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals are under implementation from October 2000. Under these, assistance is provided on 90:10 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments for propagation of improved/hybrid production technology, pest management, farm implements, installation of sprinkler irrigation system, varietal replacement and production of certified seeds. Likewise, to increase the production of these crops, Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize' (ISOPOM) is in place since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments. Similar schemes are in place to increase the production of sugarcane and cotton.

The Government of India has recently initiated two schemes for increasing foodgrains production and improving the agricultural growth in the country. These are

- (i) National Food Security Mission (NFSM), and
- (ii) Additional Central Assistance Scheme (ACAS).